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U2 Pilot Quits Job With CIA

U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers has resigned from the Central Intelligence Agency, it was learned Friday.

One source said he left the agency because "his work was finished."

Powers quit the CIA on Oct. 6, coincidentally just eight days short of another U2 flight that subsequently made history—in the Oct. 14 overflight of Cuba which produced the first hard evidence of Soviet missile bases there.

The 33-year-old flier had been working with CIA headquarters here ever since his return to Washington from a Soviet prison last winter.

Powers was a CIA employee when he made his ill-fated surveillance mission over the Soviet Union on May 1, 1960. His capture when the U2 was downed led to the collapse of the summit conference in Paris that month.